

CMH Vision

Our vision for Utah: A place where people of all racial and ethnic backgrounds can enjoy the best health possible, where all can live, grow and prosper in clean and safe communities.

CMH Mission

To promote accessible and high quality programs and policies that help all racial and ethnic minorities in Utah achieve optimal health.

We accomplish our mission

by increasing public and health professionals' awareness of persistent race/ethnic disparities and by developing effective health policies and culturally competent programs that lead to better access and utilization of quality health care services in Utah.



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About CMH

The Center for Multicultural Health (CMH) is the Utah Office of Minority Health.

It is part of the Utah Department of Health (UDOH), Division of Community and Family Health Services.

CMH Duties

Utah Legislative Mandate

- Reduce health disparities and improve health outcomes of minority populations.
- Improve access to health care for minority populations.
- Improve cultural responsiveness and translation/interpretation services at health agencies.
- Coordinate research, education, health promotion and screening activities related to minority health issues.
- Share information about minority health issues.
- Help public and private organizations and advisory committees in Utah.

Federal Office of Minority Health Mandate

- Collaborate and coordinate with Utah Department of Health programs, local health departments, community organizations and community programs to serve ethnic and racial minorities.
- Facilitate the statewide Multicultural Health Network (MHN).

Current Priority Health Issues

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| • Access to health insurance | • Asthma |
| • Cancer | • Diabetes |
| • Cardiovascular health | • HIV/AIDS |
| • Mother and child health | • Immunizations |
| • Oral health | • Tobacco use |
| • Children with special health care needs (CSHCN) | |

Our areas of work

- **Program customizing:** assist public health programs to tailor their services to racial/ethnic minorities.
- **Translation/interpretation:** review the process and quality of translated materials. Create standards and protocols. Promote Cultural and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS Standards).
- **Cultural responsiveness:** facilitate health professionals' work with diverse populations through assessments (CLAS Standards), trainings and presentations.
- **Data:** compile and update race and ethnicity health information.
- **Review and promote grants**
- **Health advisory committees:** increase minority representation through recruitment and referrals.
- **Community outreach:** enhance the outreach of public health programs to ethnic/racial communities.
- **Clearinghouse:** disseminate information through our Web site, newsletter and e-mail lists.

Partners

- Utah Department of Health programs
- Local health departments
- The Multicultural Health Network
- The Ethnic Health Advisory Committee (EHAC)
- Community-based organizations
- Health care providers
- Federal and regional offices of minority health
- Office of Ethnic Affairs
- Universities and other entities

Some of our current projects

- Managing the Cultural Responsiveness Project for the Utah Department of Health and local health departments.
- Improving cultural responsiveness among clinics working with Medicare and Medicaid patients.
- Overseeing the Health Disparities Work Group (UDOH).
- Preparing the Qualitative Health Status by Race/Ethnicity Report (2007).
- Producing "The Connection" newsletter (published monthly in our Web page).
- Developing the "Multilingual Library" (database for translated materials).
- Creating protocols and standards in the translation/interpretation area (UDOH).
- Collaborating and supporting the Multicultural Health Network.
- Coordinating the Ethnic Health Advisory Committee (EHAC).

Current Priority Multicultural Groups

- Asian
- Black/African American
- Hispanic/Latino
- Native American/Alaskan Native
- Pacific Islander/Hawaiian Native

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